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In re Application of:

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Title: METHODS FOR PREPARING PERFLUORINATED [18F]-RADIOLABELLED  
NITROIMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES FOR CELLULAR HYPOXIA  
DETECTION

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.